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Gunmen kidnap 2 students inside MSU in Marawi

By Richel Umel
Inquirer Mindanao

ILIGAN CITY—Striking for the second time in two years on one of Mindanao's biggest campuses, gunmen have kidnapped two students inside the state-run Mindanao State University (MSU) in Marawi City, and demanded a P200,000 ransom for their release, the military said yesterday.

Marda Mae Vidal, 16, a sophomore

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SPORTS
It's final: PH booters to play 'home' game in Jakarta

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Dutch Catholic Church faces almost 2,000 sex abuse complaints

ACROSS
A time to give back, many firsts in Read-Along



WikiLeaks fans, foes battle in cyberspace

LONDON—Skirmishes raged across cyberspace between WikiLeaks supporters and the companies they accuse of trying to stifle the group, with websites on both sides of the battle line being cut of service or choked off by attacks.

The United Nations' top human

WIKILEAKS A8

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BALANCED NEWS. FEARLESS VIEWS

Prince Charles' car attacked



FIERY PROTEST A flare is thrown at police during a student protest on Thursday in London against an increase in tuition. AP

LONDON—Furious student protesters attacked a car carrying Prince Charles and his wife, Camilla, vandalized buildings and battled riot police Thursday as a controversial hike in university fees triggered Britain's worst political violence in years.

In a major security breach, demonstrators set upon the heir to the throne's Rolls Royce as it drove through London's busy West End. A group of up to 20 struck it with fists, sticks and bottles, breaking a window and splattering the gleaming black vehicle with paint.

In the frenzy, some chanted "off with their heads!"

Charles and Camilla looked shocked as the anti-fees demonstrators hurled missiles and paint at their

PRINCE A6



LESE MAJESTY? Britain's Prince Charles and Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, appear aghast as their car is attacked by angry protesters in London on Thursday. AP

P-Noy: Free 'Morong 43'

'Tell truth about GMA' campaign launched

By Dona Pazzibugan and Christian V. Esguerra

DISMAYED BY a Supreme Court ruling striking down President Aquino's truth commission, a dissident former Army general and his civilian allies yesterday launched a movement to encourage "truth tellers" to supply them with leads about corruption in the past Arroyo administration.

Dubbed the July 1, 2010, Movement, the group led by retired Gen. Danilo Lim vowed to use the information they will receive to build up cases against corrupt officials in the past administration, and to initiate "a shame campaign" against them.

July 1, 2010, marked the first full day in office of Mr. Aquino, who actually assumed the presidency on June 30.

In Congress, Sen. Joker Arroyo criticized Malacañang for relying too much on the truth commission to go after former

TELL TRUTH A10



HOME FOR CHRISTMAS Members of the "Morong 43" show defiance as they are escorted back to their bus in this photo taken in Camp Crame on Feb. 15. INQUIRER PHOTO



HUMAN RIGHTS DAY President Aquino applauds as CHR Chair Loretta Ann Rosales (left) and Justice Secretary Leila de Lima exchange copies of the rules and guidelines of the Anti-Torture Law in Malacañang. LYN RILLON

Palace mum on PH absence in Oslo rites

By Norman Bordadora and DJ Yap

MALACAÑANG yesterday sidestepped the storm of criticism over its decision not to send a representative to the Nobel Peace Prize ceremonies in Norway on Friday, referring all questions on the issue to the Department of Foreign Affairs.

DFA Spokesperson Edgardo Malaya insisted that there was no connection between the Philippines' absence in Oslo and China's furious reaction to the Nobel Peace Prize being given to Chinese dissident Liu Xiaobo. (See related story in The World on Page A22.)

Malaya, who was presented at a Palace press conference yesterday, reiterated that the country would not be represented because its ambassador to Norway, Elizabeth Buensuceso, will be on a consular mission to Denmark, which she also covers.

"Ambassador Buensuceso's trip to Denmark has long been arranged even before the identity of the recipient for this year's Nobel Peace Prize was known," Malaya said.

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Detainees greet news with tears and cheers

By Kristine L. Alave and Norman Bordadora

"MORONG 43" member Julius Duano is looking forward to seeing his firstborn and naming the boy.

"I can only say that I am free when I am out of Bicutan (Camp Bagong Diwa in Taguig City)," Duano, a community health worker based in Mindoro province, told the Inquirer.

He said that his wife delivered their first child without him by her side, and that they would name their son only upon his release.

Duano and the rest of the health workers arrested in February on suspicion of being communist rebels are eagerly awaiting freedom with President Aquino's directive yesterday that the charges of illegal possession of firearms and explosives filed against them be withdrawn. (See Timeline on Page A10.)

The detainees reacted to the President's directive with tears and cheers.

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TELLING THE FILIPINO STORY TO THE WORLD

Editors' Note: For 25 days, we will be telling stories about the Inquirer to mark the paper's 25th anniversary on Dec. 9, 2010. Some are little inside stories but inspiring on how we cover unfolding events; some are mark-the-day stories that became talk-of-the-town types; others are turning point stories that have changed the landscape of history; still others, big or small, seize the heart and never let go.

But whatever, the Inquirer will tell you the story.

PDI fights for animals' rights, too

By Tessa R. Salazar

IF YOU THINK multiawarded Inquirer cartoonist Jess Abrera's Kalabaw has been the only animal to appear in the newspaper during the past 25 years, think again.

And sniff out these other memorable stories that prove the Inquirer has its "dog days," too, as much as the "crocodiles," "pigs" and "vultures" in the government have theirs.

But first, a caveat: Activist priest Fr. Robert Reyes once visited the Inquirer office bearing a "gift" of snakes for cor-

PDI FIGHTS A4



LUCKY DOG Cyrus, born minus hind legs, now runs around with the aid of his UK-made wheelchair. TESSA SALAZAR

After 18 years abroad, maid now IT scholar

By Tarra Quismundo

SHE ONCE left the country to look for a better life in a foreign land. The 37-year-old former domestic helper, Josephine Dagupio, found what she was searching for right at home.

Eighteen years after leaving the Philippines to work in Singapore, Dagupio is back in her homeland to finish studies in information technology—her long-time dream to earn an education that she says is worth much more than overseas money.

"I realized that it's hard to live without an education. It is an investment in yourself and something that nobody can take away from you," Dagupio told the Inquirer in Filipino.

"No matter how much money you earn, that will be gone. But education, your

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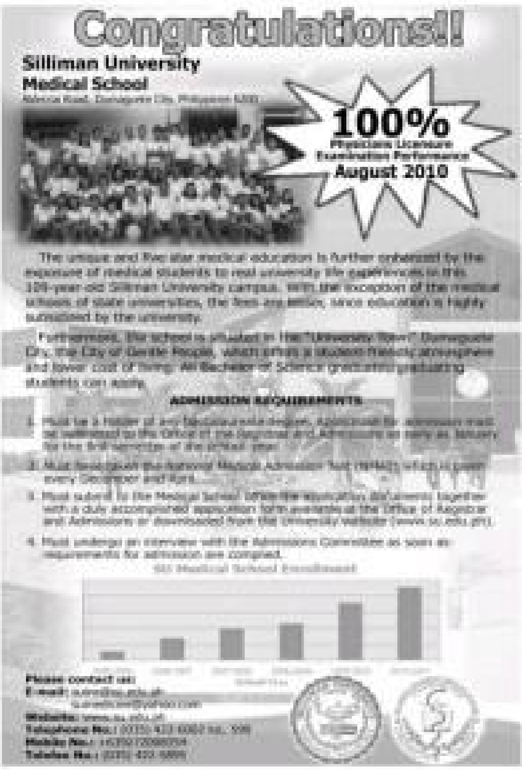
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Finance exec faces graft rap

Customs collector says official sought releases of smuggled goods

AN OFFICIAL of the Bureau of Customs has filed a complaint against an officer of the Department of Finance's Revenue Integrity Protection Service (RIPS) for allegedly trying to force him to release P10 million worth of smuggled goods intercepted at the Manila harbor last month.





HUMAN RIGHTS DAY IDEA

Cops may swap guns for batons, pepper spray

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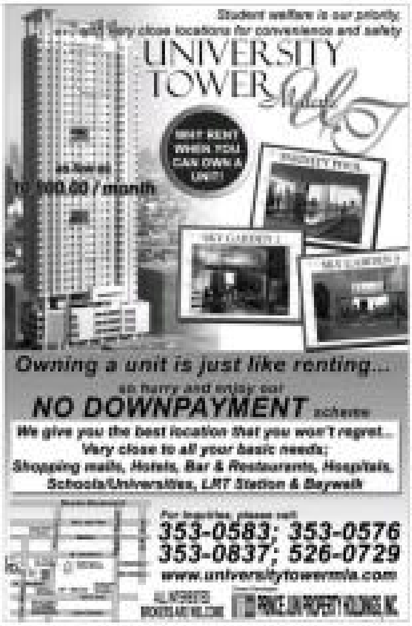

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It offers everything it takes for race track success.
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No probable cause



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Shun 'crackers, students told

THE DAILY GOSPEL

Prince Charles' car attacked by students in London

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car. The couple was unharmed but a window of the vehicle—where Charles had been sitting—was smashed.

Security breach

The attack took police completely by surprise and raises serious security questions.

The chief of the Metropolitan Police, Paul Stephenson, said the force would launch an investigation into Thursday's violence.

Prime Minister David Cameron said the violence against the royal couple was "shocking and regrettable."

"It is clear that a minority of protesters came determined to provoke violence, attack the police and cause as much damage to property as possible," Cameron said. "They must face the full force of the law."

Police said it was unclear whether the royals had been deliberately targeted, or were simply in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Protesters attacked the maroon Rolls Royce carrying Charles, 62, and his 63-year-old wife as they were driven down a major road in central London.

The 1977 Phantom VI was cut off from a convoy of police vehicles accompanying it and became surrounded by protesting students who had split off from the main demonstrations at Parliament, according to witnesses.

"People were trying to talk to him (Charles) about tuition fees at first," said Matthew Macfadden, quoted in the Daily Telegraph newspaper.

"But when more people realized what was happening, the crowds swelled and people were throwing glass bottles and picking up litter bins and throwing them at the car. You could hear all the smashing," he said.

The couple was not hurt and arrived, looking somber but composed, at the theater where they were attending the Royal Variety Performance, an annual star-studded evening of entertainment.

Camilla later managed to shrug off the ordeal, saying there was "a first time for everything," the Press Association news agency reported.

Tripling school fees

Protesters erupted in anger after legislators in the House of Commons approved a plan to raise the cap on annual tuition fees at English universities from 2012. The basic level of fees will now climb to £6,000 ($9,460), with an upper limit of £9,000. The current cap is £3,290.

As thousands of students were corralled by police near Parliament, some smashed glass and set fire to benches—and others hurled chunks of paving stones at police and smashed windows in a government building.

Another group ran riot through the busy shopping streets of London's West End, smashing store windows and setting fire to a giant Christmas tree in Trafalgar Square.

Police condemned the "wanton vandalism." They said 43 protesters and 12 officers had been injured, while 22 people were arrested. Police said the number of arrests would likely rise.

Home Secretary Theresa May said that "what we are seeing in London tonight, the wanton vandalism, smashing of windows, has nothing to do with peaceful protest."

Crucial test for coalition

The violence overshadowed the tuition vote, a crucial test for the governing Conservative-Liberal Democrat coalition, and for the government's austerity plans to reduce Britain's budget deficit.

It was approved 323 to 302 in the House of Commons, a close vote given the government's 84-seat majority.

Many in the thousands-strong crowd outside booed and chanted "shame" when they heard the result of the vote, and pressed against metal barriers and lines of riot police penning them in.

Earlier, small groups of protesters threw flares, billiard balls and paint bombs, and officers, some on horses, rushed to reinforce the security cordon.

The scuffles broke out after students marched through central London and converged on Parliament Square, waving placards and chanting "education is not for sale" to cap weeks of nationwide protests aimed at pressuring lawmakers to reverse course.

The vote put Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg and his Liberal Democrat party in an awkward spot. Liberal Democrats signed a pre-election pledge to oppose any such tuition hike, and reserved the right to abstain in the vote even though they are part of the governing coalition proposing the change.

Those protesting were particularly incensed by the broken pledge from Clegg's party.

"I'm here because the Liberal Democrats broke their promise," said 19-year-old Kings College student Mbaro David.

'Painful necessity'

Clegg defended the proposals, saying the plans represent the "best possible choice" at a time of economic uncertainty.

But under intense political pressure, 21 Liberal Democrat lawmakers—more than a third of the total—voted against the fee hike. Another eight, including at least one government minister, abstained.

Experts warned that fallout from the policy could pose a greater risk after the vote.

"The real danger for the government is not that they won't pass it through, but that it will be a policy fiasco," said Patrick Dunleavy, a political science professor at the London School of Economics. "In picking this fight with the student body ... the government seems to have gotten itself into choppy waters."

Cameron's government describes the move as a painful necessity to deal with a record budget deficit and a sputtering economy. To balance its books, the UK passed a four-year package of spending cuts worth £81 billion, which will eliminate hundreds of thousands of public sector jobs and cut or curtail hundreds of government programs. *Reports from AP and AFP*



LONDON UNREST Demonstrators jump on burning park benches during a protest outside the Houses of Parliament in Westminster, central London, on Thursday. AP PHOTO

WikiLeaks fans, foes battle in cyberspace



ASSANGE: Jailed in London

Diplomacy in disarray

Assange arrest assailed

Mastercard, Visa

Running out of targets

Donations frozen

After 18 years abroad, maid now IT scholar



Perfect candidate

Temporary setback

Stranger to her siblings

Her benefactors

PDI fights for animals' rights, too

Gorilla 'Gorio'

Waiting for Santa

Loving 'physician'

Homeless pets

RETURNING PINAY'S ORDEAL

Raped, neglected, jailed in Saudi

By [illegible]

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P-Noy: Free 'Morong 43'



RIGHTS CHAMPION Justice Secretary Leila de Lima answers questions from reporters after the 62nd anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights celebration in Malacañang on Friday.

Whoops of joy

'This cannot stand'

Pressure

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Nothing wrong with the EO

Need for closure

No impeachment case yet

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Not a boycott either

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US declines comment

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Busy time

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Solita Collas-Monsod

Listening without arguing

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Precious people

YOUNG BLOOD

Cherrie Mae E. Aguila

In search of our own library havens

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New era

Truth will out

Stupid or criminal?



'Classification' sustainable

LETTERS

Weak P-Noy waffling on high-profile case

Jose P. Laurel not a collaborator unlike Quisling and Petain

Across the NATION

Rape, trafficking cases filed vs Zambales town mayor, pimp

By Robert Gonzaga
Inquirer Central Luzon

OLONGAPO CITY—A Zambales prosecutor found probable cause this week to charge Mayor Jose Rodriguez of San Marcelino town with the rape and trafficking of a 12-year-old girl.

House passes bill creating 2nd district for Bacolod

By Carla Gomez
Inquirer Visayas

What's good for Bacolod

List of villages

Principal's kidnappers demand ₱1M from family

Identity uncertain

Ultimatum



A VEGGIE LIFE

Don't leave kids home alone, DSWD tells parents

Bulacan's 'Silent Nights': Thieves steal church bells

By Carmela Reyes-Estrope
Inquirer Central Luzon

'We are sad because the bells have been torn away from our church so some people could profit ...'





LIGHTING UP DAVAO

THIRST FOR ELECTRICITY

Coal drives up Negros power rates

In the Visayas, four electric cooperatives are drawing electricity from coal-fired plants ...

Israel brings farm technology to Nueva Ecija

Super eggplants

Israel training

Farming lessons

PDEA: Holidays equals more drugs



INQUIRER Visayas

A time to give back, many firsts in Read-Along

MARJUN Tanan stared, his mouth agape, as the large LCD projector slowly showed the pages and the illustrations of the book being read by Cebu Gov. Gwendolyn Garcia.



RONNIE Lazaro reads a story to children of an orphanage in Bacolod City.

Bacolod City

Iloilo City

Ormoc City

Dumaguete City

'This is a good exercise for the children to mingle with fellow children (from other schools). This does not happen every day'



CEBU Gov. Gwendolyn Garcia captivates the children as she reads the book "There's a Dinosaur in my Brother's Soup."

KG sustains Celtics surge

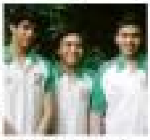


Top kiteboarders 'Jam' at Camsur





LSGH trips Ateneo in interschool pool





WW President's Cup starts at West course

Tough fights expected in NCA derby Tuesday

Bike mechanic rules ITT on triathlon racer



Texters collar playoff bonus

Boosters exit on high note

Sieber crushes Tierro, gains final



SIEBER: Shining on shell court

Donaire eyes Vazquez fight after disposing of Montiel

SPORTSWATCH

Mother of sports ed Tacujan dies

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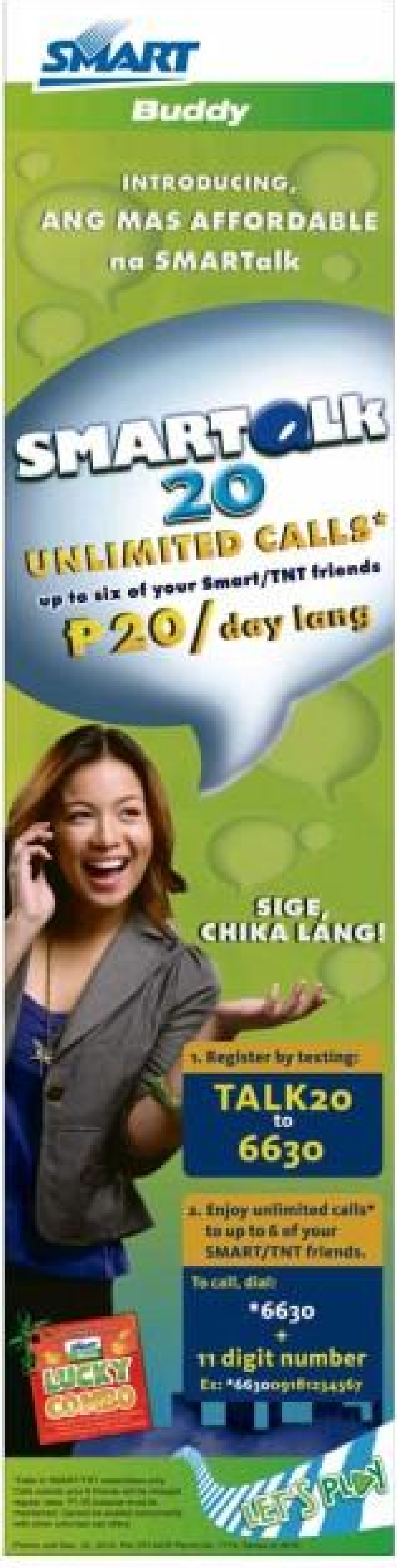
St-Pierre duels tough Koscheck in UFC 124

Golfest helps awaken sleeping giant

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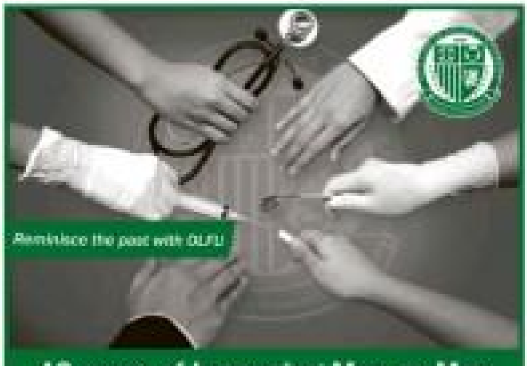
PH booters blast PFF's Martinez

By Cedelf P. Tupas



ALY BORROMEO:

Fighting performance



Aplus Metro





HOLIDAY CHEER AT THE ZOO

Bar waitress found dead inside bathroom

By Jeannette I. Andrade

HOMICIDE investigators are looking into the mysterious death of a 23-year-old bar waitress who was found dead Thursday evening inside the bathroom of her workplace in Manila.

CALOOCAN 'STING'

4 cops face kidnap charges

By Kristine Felisse Mangunay

FOUR POLICEMEN from the Caloocan City police force will face charges of kidnapping and robbery for allegedly abducting a 17-year-old girl and her companion, and for bringing with them a computer worth P30,000 pesos from the victims' house yesterday, a police official said.

33 watchmen charged for takeover of Stradcom office

By Nancy C. Carvajal

An asset to the Aquino government

On Target
Ramon Tulfo



3 buses without a franchise, phony license plates caught by MMDA

Label problem

'Double kill'

Unusual license plates



PRIZE-WINNING LANTERN

3 boys injured as gang war heats up in Marikina City

By Kristine Felisse Mangunay

METROBRIEFS

Machine operator dies from fall

UPAA hymn contest winner

Gunmen besiege Mexico president's hometown

In US, illegals who drive risk more than a ticket

Empty chair left for jailed Nobel laureate



US Senate blocks repeal of gay military law

WorldBriefs

US Congress clears nuke pact with Russia

Doors' Jim Morrison pardoned 40 years after



MORRISON

Haiti to review presidential vote

US envoy discusses sanctions with Suu Kyi

Ex-Pfizer chief gets $4.5 M in severance

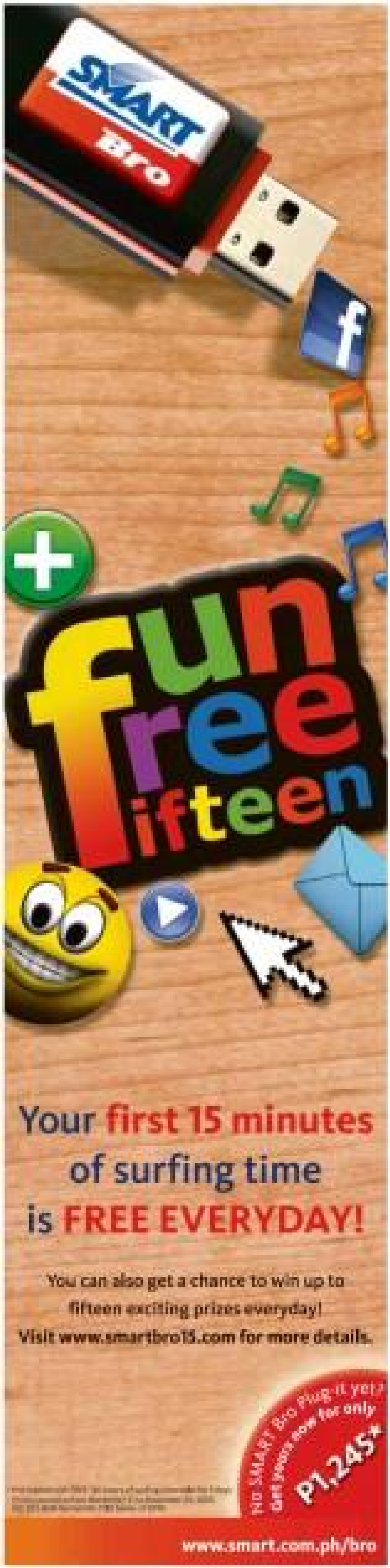
The WORLD

Dutch Catholic Church faces almost 2,000 sex abuse complaints

BRUSSELS—The Roman Catholic Church, battered by sexual abuse scandals from the United States to Belgium, is facing a new set of damaging allegations in the Netherlands. Figures released on Thursday by an investigative commission showed that almost 2,000 people had made complaints of sexual or physical abuse against the church, in a country with only four million Catholics.

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New York Times News Service







FORMER Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin

Palin eyes run for president if she has 'best shot'

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AFP

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BUSINESS

Foreign chambers to present roadmap for PH

7 key industries seen playing key role in economic growth

By Abigail L. Ho

THE JOINT Foreign Chambers will be presenting on Monday a roadmap that it believes will set the Philippines on the road to economic progress.

Dubbed Arangkada Philippines 2010, the roadmap is hinged mainly on seven key industries, which have the highest potential to drive the country forward.

Before the presentation of the roadmap, members of various foreign chambers would present why the Philippines seemed to be growing too slowly and how the country could become more competitive.

The seven fastest-growing key industries and various suggestions on how these could be harnessed for the country's progress would then be presented.

Aptly labeled "Seven Big Winners" by the JFC, these sectors represented the future of the country, according to the foreign business groups.

During the crunch peak of the [illegible]

FOREIGN B4

INDICATORS

PESO-DOLLAR RATE

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STOCK MARKET

Dec. 9, 2010

73.67



Stocks down 1.75%

LOCAL STOCKS tumbled yesterday as investors pocketed gains in the absence of fresh incentives to hold on to equities.

The main-share Philippine Stock Exchange index lost 73.67 points or 1.75 percent to finish at 4,130.75.

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STOCKS B4

Export growth slows to 26.4% in October

By Ronnel W. Domingo

THE GROWTH in export earnings slowed to 26.4 percent year-on-year in October to $4.48 billion as shipments of semiconductors eased, the National Statistics Office said yesterday.

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EXPORT B2

JG Summit to sell ₱50B worth of common shares

Exercise to boost trading liquidity by 30%

Fitch affirms 'stable' outlook for PLDT, Globe

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Service providers to augment workforce in case of strike

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Napocor eyes PPP for small nuke plants

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Export growth ...

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A Night on the Town at Home

Warning : Reading this may cause anxiety due to unbearable anticipation.

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Datem Signs On to Construct Arya Residences with World-Class LEED® Standards



BUSINESS

FDIs registered net inflow of $66M in Sept.

There's enough ham to go around this holiday

Moderate flow seen to reflect cautious investor sentiment

Manila Water plans to put up 4 more facilities in '11

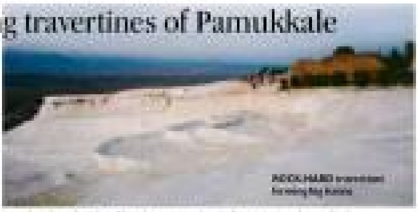
SCIENCE/HEALTH

New milk product contains good fats, proteins

Infant immune system compromised with cow's milk, experts warn

'Perfect' for infants

The healing travertines of Pamukkale



MEDICAL FILES



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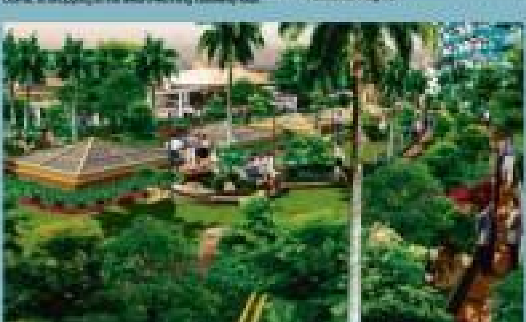
IMF upgrades PH growth projection for 2011

Philippines seen growing by 5%, up from 4.5%

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PROPERTY



Architects for the environment reveal their wish list for 2011



By Tessa R. Salazar

THE HOLIDAY season is just around the corner, and everyone seems to be in a "wishing" mood. For architects and urban development planners, there is a lot to ask from Santa this year.

In the spirit of this "season of giving and receiving," Inquirer Property asked architects and urban planners whose priority is the environment what their wishes are for the real estate industry.

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- Developers adopt the green and sustainable design principles in their projects.
- Developers follow the Land Use policies or regulations, such as refrain from developing projects on flood-prone areas.
- Developers allot more than the minimum requirements for open spaces, especially for parks and playgrounds.
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A culture of integrity

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E-mail the author at tsalazar@inquirer.com.ph.



Architect Karan Grover, India's environmental hero

GREEN ARCHITRENDS



LEED Platinum Rating

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Both guests, residents

Resort pool



MCKINLEY HILL CYBERPARK

New BPO building turned over to locators



WORLD Finance Plaza

Space for lease

Geo-Estate gains ground in industry

Amenities



GIDCI unlocks luck in hardware business

By Theresa S. Samaniego

Faultless

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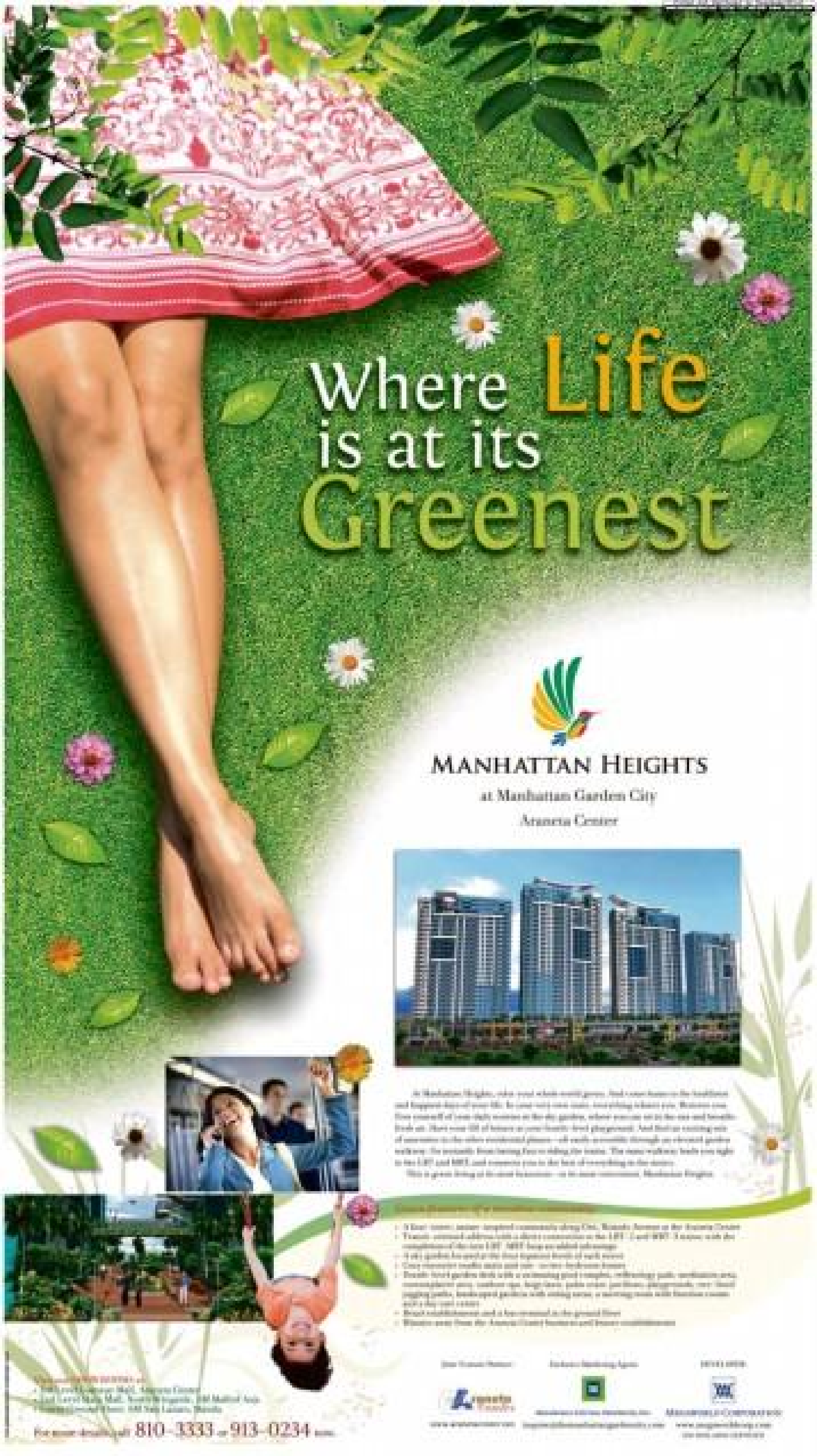
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ROADTALK Saturday

LIFE DEFINED BY THE ROADS WE TAKE



Silver and black are the world's most preferred car colors



Once you hit the road, look to your left then to your right. If you find that half of the cars you see are either in silver or black, do not be surprised. It only means we're actually part of a global trend.

It turns out that 50 percent of the cars in the world are painted in the aforementioned colors, according to a report from paint manufacturer DuPont which they released earlier this week.

While the two are locked in a virtual tie over car color dominance, silver edges out black by a meager sliver – 26 percent are in silver; 24 percent in black.

The report did not include specific numbers for car colors in the Philippines (although it did mention that light neutrals lead in popularity in Asia) but one look in the road and it's safe to say that the local scene closely reflects that of the global trend.

The other popular car colors worldwide include white and gray, which are tied at 16 percent each. Red rounds out the top five with 6 percent.

Of course, nowadays, car colors are available in a much broader range than rivals that of today's mobile phones. Many say that car color says a lot about the owner's personality. There are even talks that insurance companies use the car's color to determine insurance quote.

If your car is red, it's also more likely that you'll get a ticket from a police office, at least according to urban legend.

Back to the top color this year - silver, which a lot of experts say dominates car colors because it is perceived as a "high tech" color and one that is safe for resell.

But not all places mirror the DuPont report to the hard level. In North America, there are far more white-painted cars than either silver or black models. In other words, the rankings differ significantly from place to place.

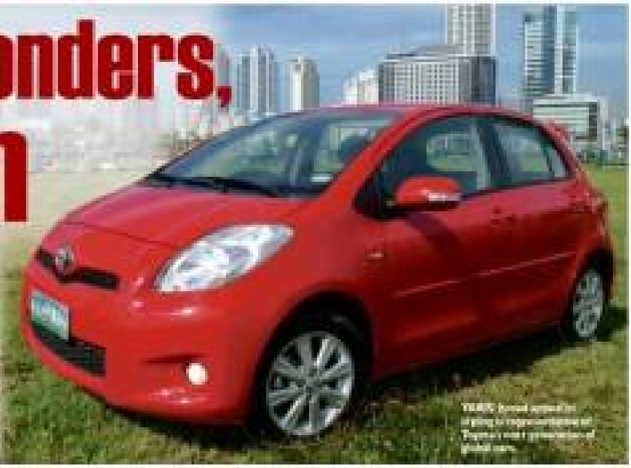
In North America, white or pearl color remained in lead for the fourth year in a row with 23 percent popularity share, a trend attributed to preferences in light truck and SUV markets.

Meanwhile, Europeans prefer black color over all others, giving the color a 24 percent market share. Gray is five percentage points behind with 19 percent, and silver has fallen to 17 percent popularity in Europe. In South America, silver captured a full third of the market.

Sources: CNNMoney.com, http://most-popular.net/car-color

Kenneth M. del Rosario

Small wonders, big fun



Have past oil-induced crises and climate change forced the gurus of the motoring world to think small?





Yaris: Carbon footprint of a dandelion

Fiesta: Drive in the i-Pod generation





A short Christmas wishlist for autophiles

By Alvin Uy

Giving quality time



BREITLING watch

Wheels of champions

Top gear protection



THE Concept One Race of Champions car

Seal it with a kiss



MOTUL'S Multi ATF transmission fluid



VARIOUS Subaru models on display

Laus Group opens Subaru Pampanga



LAUSGROUP Chairman and CEO Levy P. Laus with LGC First Lady Theresa A. Laus, Tan Chong International Ltd. Executive Director Glenn Tan, Nicky Mariano of Subaru Philippines, San Fernando Mayor Oscar Rodriguez and other special guests at the opening.

Wide range

Suzuki APV Type IIideal for family outings



PDI bags two major wins at Henry Ford awards





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Contributing Editor Ruel Cabal

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Globe posts strong growth in broadband subscribers, nearly double from year ago.



It's a cinch



With flying colors

Air trooper

March on to a new spin on military-inspired dressing. Aviator fashion let's you soar into the realms of style be it for day or night



In function



Femme fatale



Top flight



Leather report

Anti-random

How the 'Facebook' generation can plan to get ahead of their dreams

Good-fitting jeans to make you feel good



IT IS HARD to find the perfect fitting jeans, and when one finds that pair, customer loyalty is instantly gained.

In Robert Cordero's interview for Business of Fashion with [illegible], the president and CEO of [illegible] Company, a lifestyle brand consultancy and business development firm based in New York, [illegible] talks about cult following towards a denim brand.



PENELOPE Cruz in Love Story (bootcut jeans)





PYRONESE denim leggings

DENIM leggings in Seal

"When a woman (or man) finds a great fitting jean that makes them feel sexy, confident and comfortable, they won't trade down. They will buy multiple pairs in different washes," [illegible] stated.

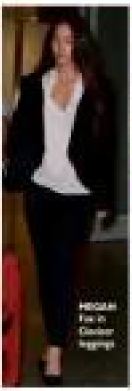
J Brand CEO Jeff Rudes has the same sentiment as [illegible]. He believes jeans have the ability to make one feel good. And aside from bras and bathing suits, according to Mr. Rudes, jeans are the most "fit sensitive item in a woman's closet."

It's in the denim fit

Recognizing the confidence great jeans can give a woman, LA-based J Brand began to cut silhouette-enhancing bottoms that attract and retain savvy shoppers. Some J Brand customers even know the styles by name and by the code number.

Through its manufacturing experience over the years, the J Brand designer has put a lot of emphasis on its denims and fit, made of 98 percent cotton and 2 percent spandex. Think stretch denim leggings.

And the brand's priority is on the right fit over embellishments. Simply put, J Brand is a good pair of well-designed designer jeans, which has been well received by celebrities like Kate Beckinsale, Megan Fox, Penelope Cruz and Cameron Diaz, for its relaxed yet sophisticated look, clean finish that magically enhances and elongates the legs.



MEGAN Fox in Clarice leggings





KATE Beckinsale in Houston Leggings



CAMERON Diaz in Pure

Furns, knits, flowy tops–in a collection called Christopher's Lodge

"We took inspiration from the movie 'Into the Wild'"

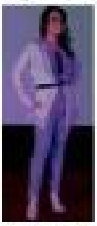


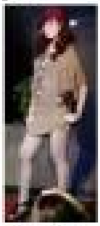


By Sasha Lim Uy

Who is Christopher?

Mix and match





SUPER LIFESTYLE
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SUPER TIME MACHINE: 1985

This week, Super travels back in time to show you what our pages would have looked like if we had been around in 1985, when the Inquirer was first born. Forget it's 2010, forget the internet, forget your mobile phone (nobody's texting you—it's 1985!), forget Justin Bieber and Miley Cyrus and find out what was hot in 1985.



Defying a dictator—and living dangerously in yellow

Once upon a time, it was the color of cowardice. But since the bloody assassination of Sen. Benigno Aquino Jr. two years ago, yellow—now the hue of choice for those who like to live dangerously under the dictatorship—has come to embody a far more noble trait: Courage.

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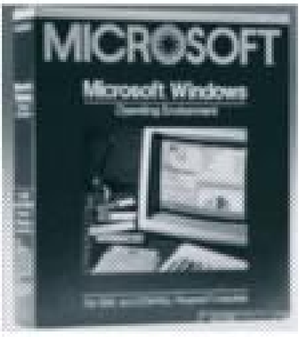


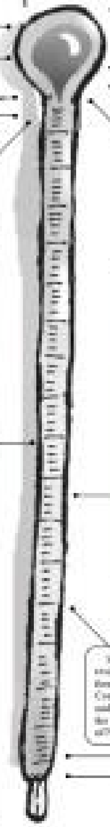
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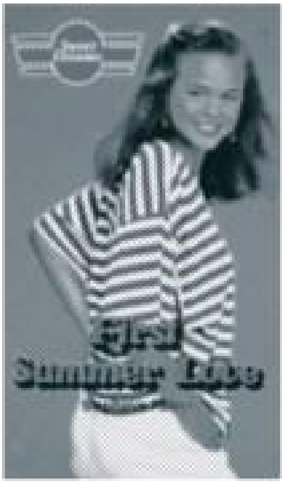
What's hot, what's not in 1985

















Defying a dictator—and living dangerously in yellow



ON ROBERTS Street, young volunteers create opposition posters.



Assessing this year's NBA

SUPER 1985



Top 10 cassettes you should be listening to

These choice tapes deserve a place in your collection



1. Madonna—Like A Virgin



2. Tears For Fears—Songs from the Big Chair



3. The Smiths—Hatful of Hollow

4. REO Speedwagon—Wheels Are Turnin'

5. Sonic Youth—Bad Moon Rising

6. Pat Benatar—Seven the Hard Way

7. Foreigner—Agent Provocateur

8. The Cure—The Head On the Door

9. Bruce Springsteen—Born in the USA

10. Sting—The Dream of the Blue Turtles

Super LifeStyle

How Mario and Luigi killed my social life

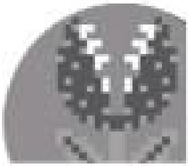


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Sorry I can't go to your party, I'm busy saving a princess







A weekly directory of the country's best establishments

Where to Stop Where to Go

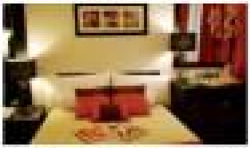
A meaningful Christmas at Pan Pacific



TAAL VISTA HOTEL WELCOMES THE YULETIDE SEASON



Christmas at The Royal Mandaya Hotel



New and exciting ASB Condotel rooms

Thunderbird Resorts receives Quill Award

A unique great tasting fried ice cream



Holiday season sale at Crowne Plaza and Holiday Inn Manila Galleria

Tours, Leisure & Chow

'On a high' at Seven Suites Hotel Observatory

Waterfront holds annual Tree Lighting Ceremony



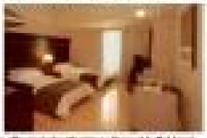
Celebrate the 'Joys of Christmas' at The Malayan Plaza



Holiday room specials at InterContinental Manila

Holiday goodies at Hyatt Hotel and Casino

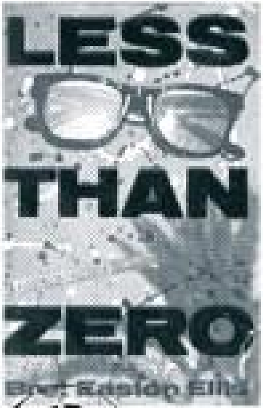
A cheery Christmas break at Lancaster Hotel

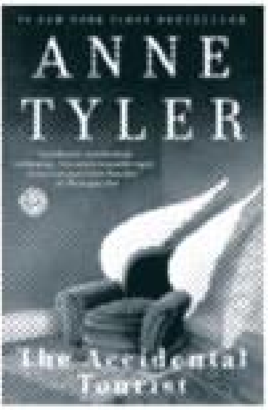


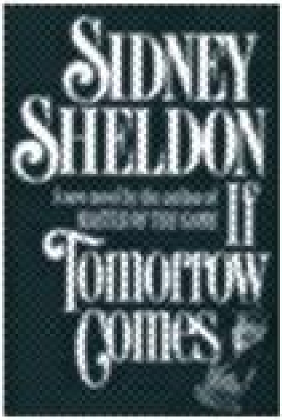
Home for the holidays



Philippine Hotels Directory

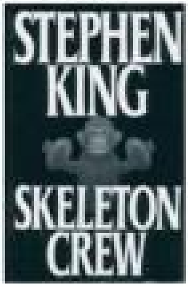






Books that should become movies

We loved reading them so much we want them on the big screen, too



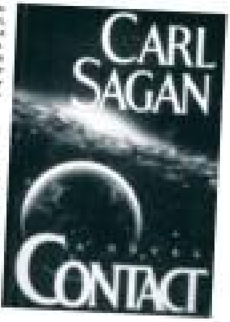
Less Than Zero–Bret Easton Ellis

Skeleton Crew–Stephen King

Anne Tyler–The Accidental Tourist

Contact–Carl Sagan

If Tomorrow Comes–Sidney Sheldon



Dates and cheap thrills

It's 1985–where will you go tonight?

How Mario and Luigi...



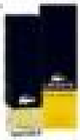






Camping out on the streets of Hong Kong for fashion

Holiday gift sets from Lacoste

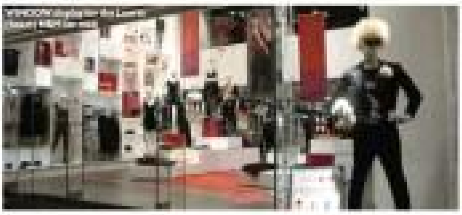






Camping out on the streets of Hong Kong—for fashion

> In all my 20-plus years, I have never imagined sleeping on the sidewalk, having a box as a mattress to sleep on and waiting in line for 12 hours to get inside a store



All lined up



The morning after







Let the games begin!

Rocking the 'riles'

Cheap thrills and no-frills gift ideas for the student shopper

Think of themes

Dress up your 'classic'

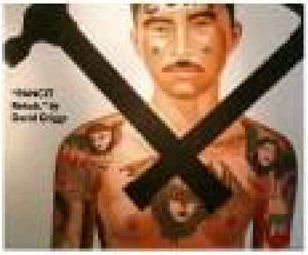
Play with food



Young artists participate in wall works and tattoo imagery











Organic foods:
Are they safer? More nutritious?

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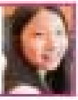
Christmas for *tweens*

A 14-year old asks her peers the true meaning of Christmas





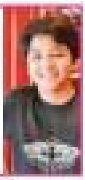












Cheap thrills

and no-frills gift ideas for the student shopper

Find out how to make the most out of your budget through mixing, matching and bulk buying with a twist.



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The five movies that rocked 1985

Your Super guide to the year's biggest blockbusters





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The five movies that rocked 1985



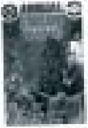




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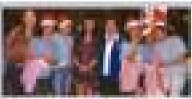
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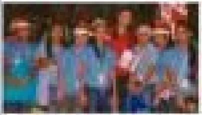


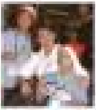
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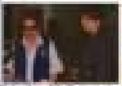
Play Santa at SM

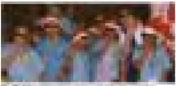












Be my date, Marty Mc

ng Jake Ryan







good year for comic books

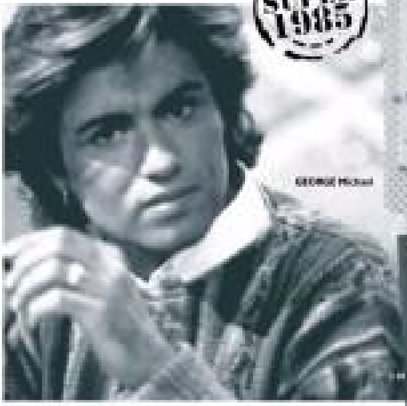




Fly



Hot guys of 1985



GEORGE Michael







Michael Bolton

El DeBarge of Debarge

Jon Bon Jovi

The Menudo boys

Corey Hart

Richard Gomez

The Bagets boys

George Michael



COREY Hart

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Saturday Special





What now, Aga?



By Nestor U. Torre

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NOW SHOWING

Sci-fi flicks go beyond cheap thrills and campy fun

By Rito P. Asilo



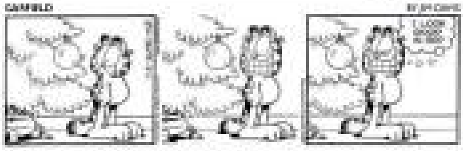
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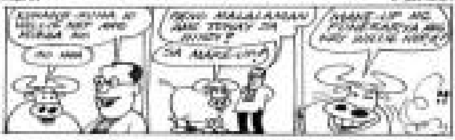
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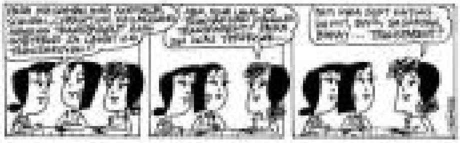


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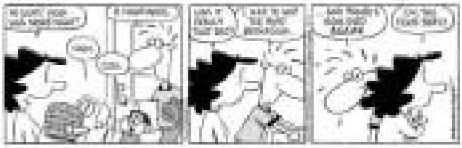


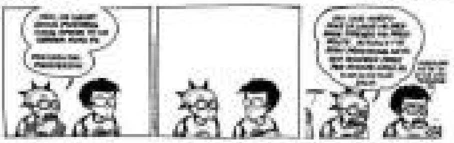
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BABY BLUES





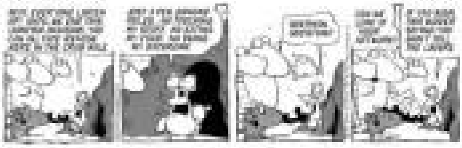
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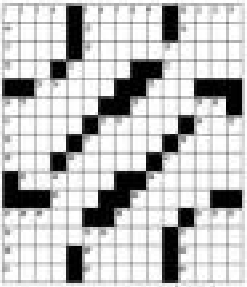
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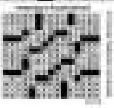
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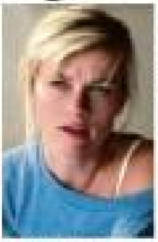
CROSSWORD PUZZLE





Getting it exactly right





WAHLBERG AND WITHERSPOON.



"DANCING WITH THE STARS."

By Marcel R. Toro



Opening night

Raw talent

Dolphy portrays a priest in MMFF entry



THE KING

Scripture comes alive in audio version

Powerhouse cast





McDONOUGH AND ORMOND.

Sci-fi flicks ...

Last two weeks

Lantern, Paskong

Movies on TV

Last two weeks for ManoMano Christmas sale





MONTAGE

Girl Power at 'Great American Circus'

Cool Yule with Nickelodeon





DIEGO. Travels around the world to rescue animals in "Go, Diego, Go."

Bazaar for a cause



Depp reveals 'hazards' of hanging out with Pitt, Jolie



DEPP Renaissance man.

LOS ANGELES—An innocuous question about pets resulted in a hilarious revelation from Johnny Depp about the "perils" of hanging out in Venice, Italy, with his "The Tourist" costars, Angelina Jolie, and her partner, Brad Pitt.

[illegible]

me. The dog tried to violate me. When you're not ready for it, it's nightmarish. I managed to get somebody up there to help me pry the dog off."

The actor deadpanned, "I don't want to see Jacques again. I don't know what it was. It was one of those moments that you hopefully don't have very often."

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Incident

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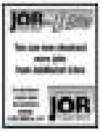
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Ruben V. Nepales

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Controversial Pinoy docu triumphs at Amsterdam fest

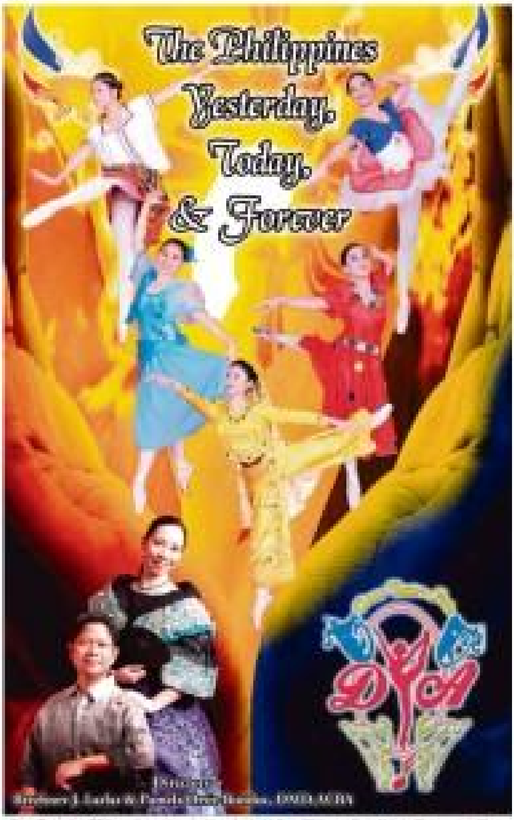


Characters

Mixed reaction

Playing dad is the biggest role for Slater





Depp reveals 'hazards' of hanging out with Pitt, Jolie

Trivia

Ideas



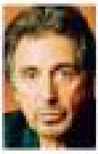
JOLIE AND DEPP "team up for the first time in "The Tourist."

Champion racehorse and gutsy owner beat the odds in 'Secretariat'



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Pacino, Brosnan light up Sundance



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LAU (WITH DAUGHTER JAMIE, RIGHT): [illegible]

Giving has made Ju.D famous

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SATURDAY Special

FANS' DAY

Sudden shifts in TV programming scored



ORDPESA, LINDA AND O'HARA. Viewers want to see more of them.

THIS FEEDBACK section has been generating positive reactions from readers. Like 77-year-old Jenny Sison, who reacts to a previous item concerning the need for more educational TV programs: "Parents complain about slapstick entertainment fare and adult programs on the small screen, but don't actively denounce their bad influence on children. TV brings the outside world into our children's lives, so it influences their attitude toward life, sex, and boy-girl relationships."



TOLENTINO. Out-of-the-box portrayals.

Good reason

The same faces

Remembering Nazak



NAHLAH (CENTER): Passion in photography

STREET SMART

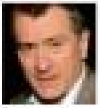


Monty Narsaara

Facebook page

Golden Globes honor De Niro

Attacks



DE NIRO. Has Oscars for "Raging Bull" and "The Godfather, Part II."

A THOUSAND WORDS

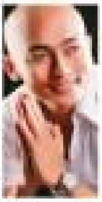
Brocka wore his activism on his 'barong'



Strong statement

AM/FM

Matching program clicks with listeners



Gothic ambiance

Single question

Anatomy of a fantasticating film flop



Illogical translation

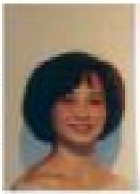
Aspect





CHELOY DANS AND JANICE YOUNG

Master class in art and life





Enhancement

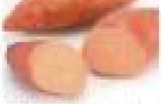
Artistic thrust

Golden opportunity

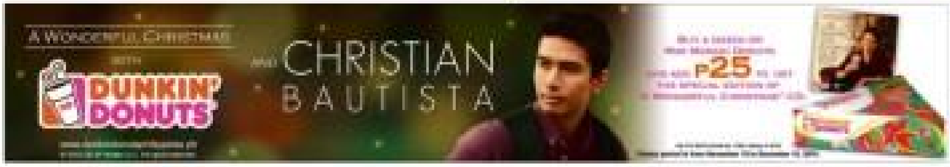


Sweet discovery

LOTUS POND



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Extravagant harvest of musical riches and niches



SALOMON. Penchant for creating memorable harmonies.

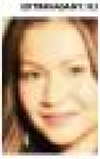
By Rito P. Asilo

Tongue twisters

Prodigious skills



NIEVERA. Collaborates with some of the country's most popular singers in "Duets."



BANANA. Dreamy selections are perfect for her crystal-clear voice.



The night the rockers wouldn't go home

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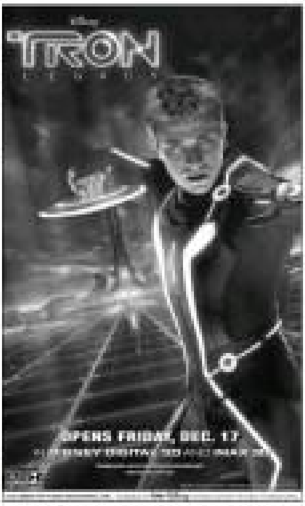


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